(c) what steps have been taken to effectively check smuggling of gold into the country; and

(d) what are the comparative figures showing smuggling gold seized during the six month period, January—June and July—December in 1988 and 1989?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) Available reports indicate that gold continues to be sensitive to smuggling into the country. The quantity and value of contraband gold seized throughout the country during the last six months from July to December, 1989 (upto 21-12-1989) is given below in reply to part (d) of the question.

(c) Government is firmly resolved to combat smuggling of all commodities including that of gold. The anti-smuggling drive has been intensified and the anti-smuggling machinery throughout the country, particularly, at the international airports, sea ports and in the vulnerable areas of the coastline and the land borders have been geared up. Close co-ordination is being maintained with all the agencies concerned in the detection and prevention of smuggling namely: the Coast Guard, the Border Security Force and the State Police authorities etc. Sophisticated equipment like : X-ray baggage machines, Metal detectors and Night vision binoculars are being increasingly used. The persons found involved in smuggling activities are penalised in departmental adjudication proceedings and also prosecuted in Courts of law in appropriate cases. They are also detained under the provisions of the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974, if considered necessary.

(d) Comparative figures showing smuggled gold seized during six months period, January—June and July—December in 1988 and 1989 are given below:-

Year	Quantity of gold seized (In Kgs.)	Value of gold seized (Rs. in crores)
January—June, 1988	2319.531	75.41
July—December, 1988	3774.254	125.12
January—June, 1989*	4494.402	143.53
July—December, 1989* (Upto 21-12-1989)	3548.305	112.26

*Figures are provisional.

Seizure of smuggled narcotics

418. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of smuggled narcotics have been seized by the enforcement and customs authorities during the past six months;

(b) if so, what are the details of such seizures; and

(c) what steps have been taken to effectively prevent smuggling and trading in narcotics in the country?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Following quantities of various drugs have been seized for the period from 1-6-1989 to 30-11-1989 by

various enforcement authorities (including Customs)

S. No.	Name of drug	Quantity (Kgs.) (provisional)
1	Opium	2,298
2	Morphine	11
3	Heroin	1,121
4	Hashish (Charas)	4,437
5	Ganja	11,584
6	Methaqualone	562

Government have launched various aggressive counter-measures against drug trafficking which include strengthening of the preventive and intelligence machinery, specially in and around borders and other vulnerable areas, introduction of a liberalised reward scheme for both officers and informers, strengthening of bilateral co-operation between neighbouring countries (including regional co-operation under the aegis of SAARC). The provisions of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 provide for a minimum mandatory punishment of 10 years' R.I. and a fine of Rs. 1 lakh and forfeiture of drug related properties. Besides, the provisions of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 are also resorted to in cases wherever invocation is justified. During 1989, upto November, 275 such detention orders were issued and against these orders, 198 persons have been actually detained.

The matter is also kept under constant watch and review for appropriate follow-up action.

Mobilization of national savings

419. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any steps have been initiated by Government to mobilize national savings in a big way;

(b) Whether the Ministries and other Government Departments have been directed to manage to pay to their staff additional D.A. from its own interest savings during the current financial year; and

(c) if so, the results expected to be achieved under the above stated initiatives?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) A number of steps have been taken to increase the small savings collections.

(b) Ministries/Departments have been advised to absorb to the extent possible the liability on account of additional D.A. payments from within their sanctioned budgets.

(c) The results will be reflected in the Revised Estimates for the current year which will be presented to Parliament along with the Budget estimates for 1990-91.

Proposal regarding Common Civil Code

420. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider the desirability of uniform Common Civil Code for Indian citizens;

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, by when Government would bring such legislation in Parliament; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, in what manner Government propose to encourage uniformity in civil matters to develop and establish secular concept in such laws and to avoid sectarian multiplicity of prevalent laws?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) to (c) The Government will not interfere on its own in the personal laws of